

MINUTES
MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
Regular Meeting
Monday November 2, 2015
Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: B. Pociask, K. Rawn, R. Hall, G. Lewis, J. Goodwin, V. Ward, B. Chandy
Members absent: B. Ryan
Alternates present: S. Westa, K. Holt, P. Aho
Staff present: Jennifer Kaufman, Inland Wetlands Agent

Chairman Goodwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and appointed P. Aho and K. Holt to act.

Proclamation in Honor of Peter G. Plante:

Chairman Goodwin read a proclamation in honor of former member Peter G. Plante and presented to his wife, the framed proclamation and a donation to the Mansfield Lions Club.

Approval of Minutes:

10-05-15 – Regular Meeting Minutes: Chandy MOVED and Holt seconded to approve the 10-05-15 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION PASSED. Rawn noted for the record that he listened to the meeting recording. Hall, Pociask and Ward disqualified themselves.

10-14-15 – Field Trip Minutes: Tabled until next agenda.

Communications:

The Conservation Committee meeting minutes and Kaufman's monthly business memo were noted.

Public Hearing:

W1557 – Niarhakos, 101 East Road, 3 Lot re-subdivision: Public hearing opened at 7:06 p.m. Holt recused herself from consideration of this item. Alternates Aho and Westa were seated. Kaufman read the legal notice into the record and noted that the following communications had been received:

- 10/28/2015 Memo from J. Kaufman;
- 10/22/15 letter from Joseph Boucher of Towne Engineering;
- 10/16/2015 report from Chuck Eaton and Richard Canavan of CME;
- 9/30/15 letter from Chris Niarhakos;
- 9/16/15 memo from Jennifer Kaufman;
- 9/15/2015 letter from Caleb Hamel of Branse and Willis LLC including a Verified Notice of Intervention; and
- 9/4/2015 memo from Windham Water Works. No public comments were received.
- 9/2/2015 memo from Jennifer Kaufman.

No public comment was offered.

As per an earlier request of the applicant to continue the hearing to allow time to consider and respond to the Agency's expert report, Rawn MOVED and Ward seconded to continue the public hearing on the 3-lot subdivision application of Christopher and Lindsey Niarhakos (File W1557), 101 East Road, Williams

Heights subdivision to December 7, 2015. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Holt was reseated and Westa was no longer seated.

Old Business:

W1556 – R. Manning, 37 Higgins Highway, Site Work: Chandy MOVED and Holt seconded to approve the following motion:

“to grant an Inland Wetlands License pursuant to the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to R. Manning (File #W1556) for site work on property owned by Doreen Palmer and located at 37 Higgins Highway as shown on plans dated 9/29/2015 and as described in application submissions.

This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands, and is conditioned on the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized;
2. Silt Fence shall be installed at least 10 feet from the edge of wetlands and maintained until the area is stabilized; and
3. A storm water filtration device shall be installed at least 20 feet from the edge of wetlands in accordance with the 2002 CT Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control.

This approval is valid for five years (until November 2, 2020) unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency and is contingent upon all other local, state and federal permit requirements being met. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment.”

MOTION PASSED. Pociask disqualified himself.

W1558 – K. Mehrens, 214 Wormwood Hill Road, 12’x16’ Shed: Rawn MOVED and Holt seconded to approve the following motion:

“to grant an Inland Wetlands License pursuant to the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to K. Mehrens (File #W1558) for installation of a shed on property owned by the applicant and located at 214 Wormwood Hill Road as shown on plans dated 9/29/2015 and as described in application submissions.

This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands, and is conditioned on the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized.

This approval is valid for five years (until November 2, 2020) unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent

before any work begins and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment.”

MOTION PASSED. Pociask disqualified himself.

W1557 – C. L. Niarhakos, 101 East Road, 3 lot re-subdivision: Item tabled pending 12/7/15 public hearing continuation.

New Business:

No new business.

Reports from Officers and Committees:

No reports were offered.

Other Communications and Bills:

Noted.

Adjournment:

Chairman Goodwin adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera S. Ward, Secretary